

Hampton Conservation Commission

January 10, 1972

The Secretary's minutes were read and accepted.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$163.14

Five members were present, Peter Randall, Ashton Norton, Nelson Grant, Stillman Hobbs, and Ruth Stimson.

Peter Randall presided, and read the Commission's Annual report to the Board of Selectmen.

Four hundred and seven questionnaires were returned for summary, a 25% return out of 1600 distributed.

The group saw the summary of the Questionnaire to date. There was a discussion of how to publicize the comments. The Chairman proposed a budget of \$650 to be appropriated from Town funds to be divided into expenses and a capital fund. A vote was passed to request \$500 from the Town.

The public response to Question 6 on the Hampton Marsh development Authority was discussed. The need for Flood Plain Zoning of the salt marshes was discussed under Question 7.

Peter mentioned the possibility of an Ecology Center on the marsh. The Seacoast A. P. League voted not to be a sponsor. The idea might be to construct a small building with exhibits, and an observation deck overlooking the marshes. Ford Foundation might make available \$750 to assist as a free matching for Special Projects, but not for capital purposes of putting up any structure. No decision was made.

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The 1972 Zoning Proposals on multi-family Housing were mentioned. Ruth Stimson, & Stillman Hobbs volunteered to summarize questions one thru' seven for a news article in the future. The matter of \$80 dues for 1972 for the N. H. Association of Conservation Commissions was discussed and laid on the table until after the March Town Meeting. Mr. Randall explained the advantages as he saw it. Advice might be sought, or funds available and State help on saving the marshes in Hampton.

The pro's and con's of the comments were aired in full. Survey totals were tabulated for public distribution. A summary is attached.

The idea of holding a future meeting with the Planning Board was suggested. A copy of the Survey Summary will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

The matter of saving the Batchelder Pond as a Public site versus filling it in was aired. An article was drawn for submission to the School Warrant.

Ruth G. Stimson
Secretary pro tem.